

## **Revised VOC RACT Rules**

### **Paper, Fabric, Film and Foil Substrate Coating Operations**

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division recently revised [Env-A 1200, Volatile Organic Compounds \(VOC\) Reasonably Available Control Technology \(RACT\)](#). These revisions change the applicability thresholds that effect **paper, fabric, film and foil substrate coating operations**. This document can be used to help you determine if the revisions are applicable to your business, and if so, what your obligations are under this regulation.

The revised rule applies to coating operations, including related cleaning activities that have combined **actual** emissions (prior to emission controls) of 3.0 tons of VOCs or more during any consecutive 12-month period.

Facilities subject to the rule must implement work practice standards including:

- Storing VOC-containing cleaning materials in closed containers.
- Keeping mixing and storage containers closed at all times except when adding or removing VOC-containing material.
- Minimizing spills of VOC-containing cleaning materials.
- Conveying VOC-containing cleaning materials from one location to another in closed containers or pipes.
- Minimizing VOC emissions from cleaning of storage, mixing and conveying equipment.

There are additional requirements for sources that have the theoretical **potential** to emit VOCs equal to or greater than 10 tons during any consecutive 12-month period. Also, sources that have the theoretical **potential** to emit equal to or greater than 25 tons during any consecutive 12-month period have new control requirements.

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